

Route planner

1. From Buenavista to El Palmar

Distance: 6.2 km **Approx. time needed:** 15 minutes

Estimated time for visit to the historical town centre of Buenavista del Norte:
30 minutes

Estimated time for visit to El Palmar: 30 minutes

The main road from Icod, the TF-42, takes you to the centre of the town of Buenavista del Norte. On the first stop you will visit its historical town centre, starting your walk in the square at the church of Nuestra Señora de los Remedios. To reach the church square, you need to continue along the TF-42. You will come to a roundabout and take the second exit. Continue straight ahead and without turning off, continue along Alhóndiga Street. The church square is at the end of the street. Once you have finished your walk around the historical town centre of Buenavista del Norte, you can head towards the El Aderno winery. After passing the petrol station at the entrance to the town, you are on Juan Mendez el Viejo street which takes you to the junction with the TF-436, the main road from Buenavista to Santiago del Teide. If you follow this road towards Masca, you will find, right after a bend after about 3.5 kms, a turn-off on the right-hand side that takes you to the EL Aderno winery, situated just over a hundred metres off the road.

2. From El Palmar to the Los Pedregales Visitor Centre

Distance: 900 m **Approx. time needed:** 3 minutes

Estimated time for visit: 45 minutes

The next stop on the tour takes you to visit the Los Pedregales Visitor Centre located at the farm of the same name. To get there, leave El Palmar via the TF-436. After a few metres you will see a sign indicating the direction for Teno Alto and Los Pedregales. Turn right and your destination is only 150 m further on.



Estimated distance:

17.4 km

Estimated time overall:

4 hours, 22 minutes

Estimated time for car travel:

37 minutes

Stops:

- Historical Centre of Buenavista del Norte
- Village of El Palmar
- Los Pedregales Visitor Centre
- Altos de Baracán (viewpoint)
- Village of Los Carrizales
- Cruz de Hilda viewpoint
- Village of Masca

Other points of interest:

- Mercadillo del Agricultor de Teno (Teno farmer's market)
- Teno Alto
- Historical town centre of Garachico
- Ecomuseo de El Tanque (Ecomuseum)

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3. From Los Pedregales Visitor Centre to the Altos de Baracán viewpoint

Distance: 6.5 km

Approx. time needed: 10 minutes

Estimated time for visit: 15 minutes

From the village of El Palmar, the same main TF-436 takes you to the Altos de Baracán viewpoint. From La Cruz Street where you have parked, you should drive roughly 600 m to the second junction on the right, which you need to take in order to join the main road. Passing through the small hamlets of Las Lagunetas and Las Portelas, you will find the viewpoint up ahead.

4. From the Altos de Baracán viewpoint to the village of Los Carrizales

Distance: 1.8 km

Approx. time needed: 5 minutes

Estimated time for visit: 15 minutes

To reach the village of El Palmar you need to return to the Buenavista-Santiago del Teide road, the TF-436, which leads you into the Protected Natural Area of the Teno Rural Park, and continue in the same direction. The road runs among cultivated land, scattered houses and an important stand of Canary palm trees. Arriving at the village, on the left-hand side you will find a wide street leading into the village, La Cruz Street, where you can park.

5. From Los Carrizales to the Cruz de Hilda viewpoint

Distance: 1 km

Approx. time needed: 5 minutes

Estimated time for visit: 15 minutes

You continue along the same TF-436 in order to get from the viewpoint to the village of Los Carrizales, which is only 2 km away. A lay-by situated on the right side of the road gives you a panoramic view over the hamlet.

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6. From the Cruz de Hilda viewpoint to the village of Masca

Distance: 1 km **Approx. time needed:** 2 minutes

Estimated time for visit: 15 minutes

Continue along the TF-436 road in the same direction, towards Masca, for about a kilometre and a half, and on the right-hand side you will find the path into the village. In Masca you will be able to take in the typical rural architecture of the south of the Island and of a natural setting dominated by spectacular gorges and the native vegetation of the area.

Buenavista del Norte

Vine growing, ethnography and nature



Start

Buenavista del Norte

The proposed route starts at the town of Buenavista del Norte, declared a Site of Cultural Interest, and runs mostly through the Teno Rural Park, a natural area of outstanding beauty where traditional architecture integrates naturally into the landscape.

Buenavista del Norte is the most north-westerly municipality of the Island of Tenerife and is located in the district of Daute. It retains a very important historical heritage. La Isla Baja and the Teno massif are the areas in which the main urban areas making up the municipality lie: what is known as the Isla Baja, the main town centre itself, and in the Teno massif, the villages of El Palmar, Las Lagunetas, Las Portelas, Teno Alto, Los Carrizales and Masca.

The Teno Rural Park that extends as far as part of the neighbouring municipalities of Garachico, Los Silos and El Tanque, is one of Tenerife's most lovely natural country areas. Traditionally isolated due to its limited and difficult access, it possess a high ecological, scenic and cultural value. In the park, large areas of laurisilva survive, a type of forest formation composed of tree species belonging to the Lauraceae family, and many animal species. Indeed, the wealth of its bird life has led to the declaration of the area as a zone of special protection for birds.

Geographic Coordinates:

28°22'19.39"N, 16°51'5.31"W

UTM Coordinates:

28.372053, -16.851475

Further information:

www.buenavistadelnorte.com

Stops

1. Historical Town Centre of Buenavista del Norte

On the visit to the historical town centre of Buenavista del Norte you will discover a lovely little town with a rich heritage. Declared a Site of Cultural Interest, categorised as a collection of historical buildings, it includes prominent specimens of traditional Canarian architecture. The layout of its streets tells us of the Andalusian influence of its founders who settled in the area attracted by the cane sugar mill that was operated here.

A stroll through Buenavista del Norte leads you through streets brimming with history, examples of which are to be found in its buildings, its squares, etc. Among the places of greatest interest we should highlight the church of Nuestra Señora de los Remedios whose origins date from the beginning of the XVIth century and which has recently been rebuilt after the fire that destroyed it in 1996. This church is erected in the square with the same name around which the most characteristic institutions and houses stand. On the visit suggested, worthy of note is the Casa de la Viuda (the Widow's House), at present the cultural centre, from the XVIIIth century and which still retains its L-shaped floor plan, with a 4-pitched roof of Arab tiles. In the area known as Barranco de Triana, you will find a Recreational Area and the old public clothes washing place. Continuing your walk, you reach San Francisco (Saint Francis) Street where the ruins of the convent of San Francisco are located. Founded by popular demand, it was demolished in the XIXth century. From the outside, the arch and the hewn stone pediment can still be seen. Finally, you may admire the chapel of San Sebastián, constructed in the XVIth century and rebuilt in the XIXth C.



Location:

Main Road Icod de los Vinos-
Buenavista del Norte, TF-42.
Buenavista del Norte.

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Location:

Road Buenavista-El Palmar.

UTM Coordinates:

28.344125, -16.845917

Geographic Coordinates:

28°20'38.85"N 16°50'45.30"W

Buenavista del Norte

Ethnography and nature

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3. Los Pedregales Visitor Centre

The next stop on the tour takes you to visit the Los Pedregales Visitor Centre located at the farm of the same name. To get there, leave El Palmar via the TF-436. After a few metres you will see a sign indicating the direction for Teno Alto and Los Pedregales. Turn right and your destination is only 150 m further on.



Location:

Finca Los Pedregales, El Palmar.
Buenavista del Norte.

Tel: 922 447 974

Opening:

Monday - Tuesday: 8:00 - 15:00 h

Wednesday - Sunday: 10:00 - 16:00 h

Alternate weekends

E-mail: tenoparque@cabtfe.es

UTM Coordinates:

28.107644, - 16.594478

Geographic Coordinates:

28°20'31.10"N, 16°51'3.21"W

4. Altos del Baracán viewpoint

The Altos de Baracán viewpoint, on the mountain tops of the Teno massif, offers you an excellent panoramic view of the El Palmar valley and its farming landscapes. The information panels at the viewpoint explain something of the local area.

At the head of the valley is situated the hamlet of Las Portelas, belonging to El Palmar.



Location:

Road to Las Portelas, Km marker 12.

UTM Coordinates:

28.327906, - 16.85625

Geographic Coordinates:

28°19'40.46"N, 16°51'22.50"W

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5. Village of Los Carrizales

Los Carrizales is another small and picturesque village situated in this case on the south-facing slope of the Teno massif. The climate is warmer, although mild, and the vegetation less lush.

Here deep ravines scar the landscape, such as that of Masca, which reaches a depth of 500 m in places. In Los Carrizales, cut off from the rest of the Island by road until the 1970s, live a mere 20 inhabitants. This is where the exceptional onions of Los Carrizales are grown, a unique and highly prized variety.

6. Cruz de Hilda viewpoint

From the Cruz de Hilda viewpoint you can enjoy an excellent panoramic view of the village of Masca set among its characteristic deep ravines.

The Masca ravine is one from the most spectacular on the whole Island. Hiking down it is particularly interesting and the path goes right down to the sea. Most of the scheduled excursions finish at the beach where a boat picks up the walkers to take them back to terra firme. Masca is actually made up of five small inhabited hamlets: La Vica and El Turrón on the north mountainsides; La Piedra where the square and the chapel are situated; el Lomo del Media comes next below La Piedra; and el Lomo de Masca, situated slightly further to the south.

- We recommend confirming the opening times of establishments

7. Village of Masca

The village of Masca is situated within the Teno Rural Park, in the municipality of Buenavista del Norte, and is one of the best examples of traditional Canarian architecture.

The village of Masca has been declared a Site of Cultural Interest categorised as a Historical Artistic Quarter and owes its splendid state of preservation to the difficulty of reaching it for so long. The very oldest of its buildings is the house of the Aviculados, in the hamlet of La Piedra. Its small church, which dates from the XVIIIth century, is devoted to the Inmaculada Concepción.

The Masca Museum and Interpretation Centre allows visitors to learn about the main aspects of life in this picturesque settlement hidden away in Teno. The Museum contains an exhibition focusing on the wildlife and natural surroundings of the place and the Interpretation Centre provides an overview of the most valuable aspects of Masca's folk culture.



Location:

Road to Carrizal Alto.

UTM Coordinates:

28.3194, -16.856144

Geographic Coordinates:

28°19'9.84"N 16°51'22.12"W



Location:

Main road Buenavista del Norte - Santiago del Teide, TF-436, km marker 14.7.

Opening times of the cafeteria at

Cruz de Hilda viewpoint:

- Winter: from 10:00 to 18:00

- Summer: from 10:00 to 18:00/19.00

UTM Coordinates:

28.312972,- 16.845653

Geographic Coordinates:

28°18'46.70"N, 16°50'44.35"W



Location:

Main road Buenavista del Norte - Santiago del Teide, via Masca, TF-436.

UTM Coordinates:

28.302564, -16.837653

Geographic Coordinates:

28°18'9.23"N 16°50'15.55"W

Other points of interest

Mercadillo del Agricultor de Teno (Teno farmers' market)

The Teno farmers' market, situated in the Finca Los Pedregales, offers local products that are grown and produced mainly in the Rural Park: honey, fresh vegetables, fruit, cheeses and cottage cheese, a wide variety of bread and rolls, and wine. The stalls are manned by the farmers themselves.

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Location:

Finca de Los Pedregales. Access road to Teno Alto (Upper Teno).(TF- 436) km marker 6. Valley of El Palmar. Buenavista del Norte.

Tel.: 922 127 585

E-mail: aedl@buenavistadelnorte.com

Opening times:

Sundays from 10:00 to 13:30

UTM Coordinates:

28.342019,- 16.850456

Geographic Coordinates:

28°20'31.27"N, 16°51'1.64"W

Further information:

www.mercadosdelagricultor.com

Teno Alto

The hamlet of Teno Alto [Upper Teno] is located in the mountains of the same name, in the municipality of Buenavista, at an altitude of 750 m. Its location at one of the highest points of the Teno massif means it has one of the best views over the Isla Baja, the coastal area around Buenavista and Los Silos.

It was not connected by road until 1972, and its inhabitants have preserved deeply-rooted, ancient customs and traditions, such as the famous Piñata dance, traditionally celebrated on Shrove Tuesday, though nowadays the dance takes place on the last Saturday of Carnival.

The village retains magnificent examples of typical rural architecture and elements of great heritage value, among them threshing yards, tile kilns, water cisterns, etc.

Its main economic activities are agriculture and livestock. Its cereal crops gave it the name: the "larder of Buenavista". Without doubt, one of the best known products from Teno Alto is the goat's cheese.

The area is criss-crossed by a great many trails.

Location:

Teno Alto, Buenavista del Norte.

UTM Coordinates:

28.343272, - 16.876461

Geographic Coordinates:

28°20'35.78"N,
16°52'35.26"W

Other points of interest

Historical Town Centre of Garachico

The town and port of Garachico was founded by the Genovese banker, Cristóbal de Ponte, in the XVth century. During the XVIth and XVIIth centuries, Garachico was the commercial capital of Tenerife until 1706 when the eruption of the Trevejo volcano buried its vital harbour beneath the lava. From that time on, the traders began to use the dock at Puerto de la Cruz, relegating Garachico to a fishing harbour. The lava flows which reached as far as the sea resulted in an extension of the municipal area and gave the town the swimming-pools and rock pools known as El Caletón.

Ambling through the streets allows visitors to enjoy its churches and convents, admire its art treasures and see the magnificent examples of traditional Canarian architecture, distinguished by many stately homes and other buildings from another age.

Location:

Main road from Icod de los Vinos to Buenavista del Norte, TF-42. Km marker 5. Garachico.

UTM Coordinates:

28.373811, -16.764586

Geographic Coordinates:

28°22'25.72"N 16°45'52.51"W

Further information:

www.garachico.es

Ecomuseo de El Tanque (Eco-Museum)

The El Tanque Eco-museum is home to an exposition of rural culture in the area. It is located in an old farmhouse known as Partidos de Franchy, a place of astounding beauty. It is only a few kilometres from the El Tanque town centre and boasts spectacular views towards El Teide volcano and of the surrounding countryside.

Location:

Main Road TF 373,
El Tanque

Coordinates:

28,3275421, -16,7907746

Further information:

info@ecomuseodeltanque.es

After being restored this old farmhouse has become an eco-museum depicting the traditions and customs found in El Tanque. It is made up of various halls, each one of which is dedicated to different aspects of the old country ways. We will find a kitchen and a number of exhibition halls containing evidence of the lives and the work local inhabitants carried out. We will also be able to understand the characteristics surrounding the principal activity carried out in the area, which was farming, and this includes the most important crops, the main agricultural tasks, the tools they used, etc.

At the same time we can also play a part in the exposition thanks to the use of modern technology like virtual reality or augmented reality which permit us to experience the hardworking life in those days. In that respect we will discover the most significant ethnographic features of their times by using totally innovative methods which allow us to get a little closer to the past of this small enclave in the north of Tenerife.